



BFSB Capabilities



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Doctrine

- BFSB Mission should include limited screening (FSO METL correctly includes screen task)
- TC 3-55.11 & ICOE MFT TC will address recon, surveillance and MI Discipline Collection teaming

Organization

- Lacks sufficient scouts, lacks mortars – FDU in final Army Staffing
- Requires organic tactical UAS (Shadow or VTOL); Army considering consolidating fewer in CABs

Training

- Lacks an “FM 3-20.12 – like” Team Qualification for recon & collection teaming and MFT employment
- Lacks STX lanes & LVCG Sims for home station recon, surveillance & MI Collection teaming

Leader Development

- Require STRATCOM to assist understanding of BFSB organization, mission and employment

Material

- Require light recon and surveillance platforms with commonality for scouts, LRS and MI teams
- Require light long range scout surveillance sensor (ELRAS3)



BFSB Doctrine



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Issues:

- BFSB Mission does not include screen; FSO METL correctly does
- Insufficient Recon, Surveillance and MI Discipline Collection Teaming Doctrine

Discussion

- BFSB is capable of conducting a screen under certain METT-TC conditions
- Project development of a wide area screen mission based on WASO
- BFSB METL includes the task screen, and screen mission is discussed in BFSB FM
- BFSB FM does not address in sufficient detail Recon & MI Discipline Collection teaming
- Current doctrine does not sufficiently address MFT operations (MFT is a BFSB pacing item)

Recommendation:

- Update BFSB doctrinal mission to include security, screen and below; address in WASO context
- Continue development of TC 3-5.11 (Recon & Collection Teaming) & ICOE TC, TBD on MFT employment



BFSB Organization



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Issues:

- Insufficient Scouts & no mortars required for FSO
- BFSB requires organic TUAS and access to longer range UAS

Discussion

- TRADOC validated requirement is for scout platoon is 36 scouts
- Scout Platoons with 18 scouts severely limits recon & collection teaming impacting the BFSB's ability to answer Corps / Div or Joint Cdr PIR
- 18 man scout platoons are fragile at best crossing the LD
- Lack of mortars create unacceptable risk for dispersed scout elements; limits ability to avoid decisive engagement
- TUAS fielding may be cancelled as a BFSB is not a BCT fewer TUAS in CABs will not meet en route time, distance and loiter time requirements
- TUAS is critical teaming component answering PIR and providing early warning to R&S Sqdn
- Time and distance do not permit adequate TUAS support for Cbt Avn Bde

Recommendation:

- Support BFSB Force Design Update (TOE Change) in final Army wide staffing
- Field TUAS platoons to BFSBs as scheduled beginning o/a 2014



BFSB Training



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Issues:

- Lacks STX lanes & LVCG Sims for home station recon, surveillance & MI Collection teaming
- Lacks “FM 3-20.12 – like” Team Qualification for recon & collection teaming & MFT employment

Discussion

- Multi-echelon recon & collection teaming and operations are complex
- Current draft collective training doctrine is insufficient; lacks integrating battle drills
- BFSBs participate in CTCs on a case by case basis, with no assurance of full brigade participation

Recommendation:

- Develop appropriate STX training support packages
- Formalize BFSB Brigade level CTC rotations
- Develop “FM 3-20.12 – like” Team Qualification publication for recon & collection and surveillance and collection team operations



BFSB Leader Development



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Issues:

- The BFSB is a new organization with unique capabilities with both combined arms maneuver and wide area security applications
- Because of this, leaders and staffs throughout the Army require education on BFSB roles, missions and capabilities

Discussion

- BFSB capabilities and employment are misunderstood, from a lack of knowledge and “SA” of this new and unique organization.
- Much of Army’s experience based on four partial BFSBs have been employed in OIF / OND
- The first fully organized BFSB is currently deployed to OEF, with limited lessons learned
- Need for a CALL Team visit to capture lessons learned

Recommendation:

- Develop echelon focused STRATCOMs for Joint, Theater, Army, Corps and Division HQs
- Train in appropriate CCCs and ILE



BFSB Materiel



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Issues:

- BFSB lacks light recon and surveillance vehicle and compatible MI Collection element platform
- Scouts lack a light weight long range scout surveillance system

Discussion

- Up Armored HMMWVs are unsatisfactory for recon & surveillance – poor mobility & survivability
- Scout platoons require a platform that can carry six scouts and 1-2 augmentees
- LRS has similar requirement for platform to carry a team
- MI collection Teams require similar platform (mobility, survivability and sustainability)

Recommendation:

- Complete BFSB CBA, conduct additional analysis required to develop formal requirement